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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, March 27, 2015
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 130/HOUSE RESOLUTION 79
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
WORK WITH ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLF CLUB TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE
MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF OLD GOVERNMENT ROAD**

House Concurrent Resolution 130/House Resolution 79 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to work with the Royal Hawaiian Golf Club to develop a plan for the management and maintenance of an Old Government Road in the Waimanalo area. **The Department strongly supports these resolutions.**

The Department has been working with the landowner for years on this issue of public access to Maunawili Falls. Frequent public trespass over private lands has become a problem for the landowner and the Department. Maunawili Falls Trail is managed by the Department to provide access to the popular Maunawili Falls. This highly used public trail is clearly marked, but the citizens choose to take an alternative path through private lands to the Falls.

Recently, Department staff met with Representative Ito, the introducer of these resolutions, to look into alternative access that will minimize the public's impacts on private property. The Department has had many discussions with the landowner on this topic. The importance of these resolutions is timely because agreement to using the Old Government Road for public access is being developed. These resolutions reinforce the Department's commitment to work with the landowner to mitigate their concerns and provide public access to Maunawili Falls.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in strong support of these resolutions.

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